

connecting said container floor to said base and preventing unauthorized upward lifting separation of said container floor relative to said vertical wall [base].

2. (Currently Amended) The structure according to claim 1, wherein said [second] lock is mounted on said base front wall and said base front wall is secured against vertical movement relative to said base by said top frame when in vending condition.

3. (Currently Amended) The structure according to claim 2, wherein said base front wall is constrained against vertical movement when in vending condition by extending beneath and interlocking with the [a] top frame member rigid with said base.

4. (Currently Amended) In combination, a vending machine base compartment for containing a coin box, a merchandise supply bin resting on [secured to] the top of said base compartment [and removable therefrom by first keyed locking mechanism], a [second] locking structure for securing the front of the supply bin to the front of the base compartment to lockably prevent unauthorized vertical separation of the front edges of said base and supply bin, including a lockable projection secured to and extending from said supply bin downwardly into said base compartment, a moveable locking element secured to said base for cooperation with said lockable projection when said supply bin and base are fully assembled together.

REMARKS

By the action of December 19, 2002, the Examiner has rejected Applicant's drawings for failing to illustrate more clearly the container top lock and the base